

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on February 9, 2007
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 341, 2/1/2007; SB 359, 2/1/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:38:10

Discussion:

00:39:48 Sen. Squires

00:40:14 Dulcy Hubbert, Program Supervisor, Office of the
Commissioner of Political Practices (OCPP)

00:42:05 Sen. Squires to Ms. Hubbert, OCPP

00:43:56 Sen. Rick Laible to Ms. Hubbert, OCPP

00:44:34 Sen. Steve Gallus to Ms. Hubbert, OCPP

00:45:53 Sen. Joe Tropila to Ms. Hubbert, OCPP

00:46:43 Sen. Squires

00:48:44 Sen. Balyeat to Ms. Hubbert, OCPP

HEARING ON SB 341

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:26 **SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42**, opened the hearing on **SB 341**, Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:47 Eric Griffin, Director of Public Works, Lewis and Clark County

00:53:26 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineering Firms of Montana

00:54:38 Dan McCauley, GREAT WEST Engineering

00:55:50 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County

00:56:06 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:40 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Mr. Skoog, American Council of Engineering Firms of Montana

00:57:59 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Lewis rereferred to Mr. Blattie, MACo

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:53 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 359

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:36 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47**, opened the hearing on **SB 359**, Revise horse racing board members/move to dept. of agriculture.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:14 Sherry Meador, Governor's Task Force on Horse Racing Industry

01:16:27 Paul Pryor, Race Horse Breeder-Owner

01:18:22 Tom Williams, Montana Race Horse Breeders Association

01:21:28 Larry Jordan, Race Horse Breeder

01:23:50 Richard Clay, Race Horse Breeder

01:25:52 John Hagen, Hooves and Stalls, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

01:27:58 Jay Clark, Board of Horse Racing

01:33:54 Sen. Laible for former Senator Cliff Trexler and Gary Koeplin

EXHIBIT(sts29a01)

EXHIBIT(sts29a02)

01:34:27 Bob Brastrup

EXHIBIT(sts29a03)

01:50:37 Jay Clark for Gary Koeplin

Informational Testimony:

01:51:28 Joel Clairmont for Nancy K Peterson, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture

01:51:58 George Harris, Montana Department of Livestock

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:11 Sen. Jim Shockley to Sen. Cocchiarella

01:53:39 Sen. Shockley to Mr. Brastrup

01:54:26 Sen. Tropila to Mr. Brastrup

01:55:07 Sen. Laible to Mr. Brastrup

01:56:58 Sen. Laible to Mr. Pryor

01:58:17 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Laible

01:58:38 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Pryor

02:02:13 Sen. Joe Balyeat to Mr. Brastrup rereferred to Mr. Harris, Department of Livestock

02:04:03 Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legislative Services Division LSD

02:04:25 Sen. Squires

02:04:38 Sen. Balyeat to Mr. Bohyer rereferred to Mr. Clark, Board of Horses Racing

02:06:36 Sen. Balyeat to Mr. Clark, Board of Horses Racing

02:07:41 Sen. Squires to Mr. Harris, Board of Livestock

02:09:23 Sen. Squires to Mr. Brastrup

02:10:02 Sen. Laible to Sen. Cocchiarella

Closing by Sponsor:

02:12:08 Sen. Cocchiarella

EXHIBIT(sts29a04)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:25 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts29aad.pdf](#))